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LOCAL CHAPTER MEETINGS:

ATTENDED THE FOLLOWING:

May 19, 2026 – Attended the Central Chapter Meeting held in Mesa AZ. APLS President Jody Stone and SEC/TREAS Nate Gardner were in attendance. A meet and greet started the meeting off and then with dinner, Wilson and Co's West Region Survey Practice Lead, Mark Sandwick led a discussion on tips and tricks for Survey tools in CAD. A great travel through time with tried-and-true survey practices that are still relevant in today's CAD environment.

July 25, 2026 – Attended the Northern Chapter Summer Picnic. As always, a great time to catch up with our fellow surveyors. Was hoping that Jeff Lucas would be able to stop by. Duty called him elsewhere.

September 9, 2026 – Attended the Sahuaro Meeting and presented a discussion on the NSRS2022 Datum, based on the NSRS2022 DATUM Control Survey created for the Test MAYO-CAMPUS-CONTROL-NETWORK. 25 members present with questions from the audience, general consensus is they see value in the DATUM and as always are curious as to when it can be fully implemented.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

ESRI UC – July 13-15, 2026, July attended the user conference held in San Diego, CA. Presented on a Panel; The National Spatial Reference System Update; Insights from the Experts. In attendance were Directors from NOAA-NGS, Surveyors from Caltrans, GIS users and others. The Panel consisted of Melita Kennedy @ESRI, Matt Morris @Trimble, Jay Haskamp @Frontier Precision -Trimble Dealer, Linda Foster, RLS, NSPS Past President as Moderator and Michael Banta, RLS. Attended various sessions throughout the event and spent time with NOAA-NGS Directors.

ACEC – May 20, 2026, attended a joint meeting as a guest, along with Joe Snider, Central Chapter President. The discussion centered on Professional Associations joining in when able to support legislative issues throughout the year. They were aware of the need to redefine the current statute Title 33 Chapter 1 Article 3 -Arizona Coordinate System, 1983 and are willing to support us in our effort to enact new legislation SB1756 introduced by Senator Shope in 2026.

Trimble Dimensions – November 9-11, 2026, Las Vegas, NV, Will present, along with Linda Foster, Putting the Modernized National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) into Practice – Are you Ready?

NSPS REPORTING

Attended NSPS Directors Town Hall meetings, May 28, June 25, and July 23, 2026.

NSPS NSRS2022 Working Group Chair, working with the members of this group to present at the next NSPS Townhall a report on NSPS Directors and the activities of their respective states on preparing for the NSRS2022 Datum. Developing a list of frequently asked questions on the implementation and use of the new Datum.

OUTREACH

Phil Fedor, RLS, Nate Gardner RLS, Will Wing, RLS, Peri Hill, YSN, recently attended the University of Arizona Career Fair promoting the Surveying Opportunities available and the path to Licensure.

Respectively submitted,
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